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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FORCING FLOATING POINT
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Inventor: Guy L. STEELE, Jr.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 47 pages, including 3 independent claims and 24 claims total.
2. Drawings- 2 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-2).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Sun Microsystems, Inc.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	24	-	20	4	x \$18	72.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$84	
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6. Please charge the fee of \$852.00 to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. The fee includes:

\$740.00 filing fee;
\$ 72.00 additional claims fee; and
\$ 40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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